

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claims 1-17 and 30 as shown below:

1. (Once Amended) A removable button module for covering a button of a portable computing device, said removable button module comprising:

a button frame module forming a cavity that aligns with said button of said portable computing device; and

a membrane layer disposed on an outer side of said button frame module and covering an opening of said cavity;

wherein said removable button module is for removably attaching to said portable computing device to cover said button of said portable computing device, said membrane layer disposed above said button frame module when said removable button module is attached to said portable computing device.

2. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic urethane (TPU).

3. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a thermo-plastic elastomer (TPE).

4. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a silicone.

5. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a rubber.

6. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a leather.

7. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a nylon.

8. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a polycarbonite.

9. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a plastic.

10. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a metal.

11. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises an alloy.

12. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said button frame module comprises a nylon.

13. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said membrane layer comprises a portion that extends underneath a power button of said portable computing device that supplies a return force to said power button after it has been depressed.

Ab 14. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said removable button module couples to a top cover of said portable computing device.

15. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said removable button module couples to a midframe of said portable computing device.

16. (Once Amended) The removable button module as described in Claim 1 wherein said removable button module couples to a rear cover of said portable computing device.

17. (Once Amended) A removable button module for covering a button of a portable computing device, said removable button module comprising:

a button frame module forming a cavity that aligns with said button of said portable computing device; and

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a membrane layer disposed on an outer side of said button frame module and covering an opening of said cavity;

wherein said removable button module is for removably attaching to said portable computing device to cover said button of said portable computing device and to personalize said portable computing device, said membrane layer disposed above said button frame module when said removable button module is attached to said portable computing device.

30. (Once Amended) A removable button module for covering a button of a personal digital assistant, said removable button module comprising:

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a button frame module forming a vertical hole that aligns with and accepts said button of said personal digital assistant; and

a membrane layer disposed on an outer side of said button frame module and covering an opening of said vertical hole;

wherein said removable button module is for removably attaching to said personal digital assistant to cover said button of said personal digital assistant, said membrane layer disposed above said button frame module when said removable button module is attached to said personal digital assistant to cover said button.
